



Council Question and Answer

Related To	Item #34	Meeting Date	February 4, 2016
Additional Answer Information			

QUESTION: 1) What is the organizations website? 2) What is the total budget? Do all members pay the same amount? 3) How often do they meet? 4) What tangible items have they completed in the past 3 years? COUNCIL MEMBER ZIMMERMAN'S OFFICE

ANSWER:

- 1) The Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council's website is located at www.thecorridor.org.
- 2) The Austin-San Antonio Corridor Council's annual budget for all operating entities is approximately \$954,000 per year. Membership dues for public entities are set by population; for businesses, dues are calculated according to the size of the business.
- 3) The Corridor Council Executive Committee, (list attached) meets monthly on the third Wednesday of every month and all members are invited to attend. They also host frequent forums and events throughout the Corridor on public policy and economic development topics.
- 4) Tangible achievements during the last 3 years include:
 - o Created industry professional working group on IH-35/State Highway 130 traffic diversion efforts;
 - o Worked with TxDOT to develop new accident/fatality data profile on Interstate 35 for Bexar, Wilson, Comal, Hays and Travis & Williamson Counties.
 - o Led public safety initiative with cities to create a 'hands-free corridor' (no cell phone use) between San Antonio & Austin on Interstate 35;
 - o Worked with Texas Department of Transportation to launch \$150,000 study by Texas Transportation Institute to create methodology for calculating emissions reduction impacts of freight rail relocation projects in Austin-San Antonio Corridor;
 - o Raised approximately \$5.5 million in matching funds from TxDOT for Austin-San Antonio Corridor transportation project development costs;
 - o Represented Austin-San Antonio Corridor as part of statewide coalition Transportation Advocates of Texas to successfully secure \$2.5 billion in new highway construction & maintenance funding from Texas Legislature;
 - o Co-sponsored or hosted numerous regional events such as Texas Legislative Conference, San Antonio Mobility Coalition 'New Horizons' Conference, Southwest Rail Conference, 2016 Transportation & Economic Development Priorities for Travis County, San Antonio Mayor's Forum, Williamson County Long Range Transportation Plan

Luncheon, TxDOT Commissioner's Forum, etc;

o Hosted Corridor Transportation Panels
including:

- **San Antonio** Luncheon, December 2013, Bexar County Judge Nelson Wolff & Bexar County Commissioner Kevin Wolff with Moderator: Congressman Charlie Gonzalez
- **Austin**, February 2014 Event, Commissioners & Constitutional Amendment Program, Williamson County Judge Dan Gattis, Travis County Commissioner Gerald Daugherty, Hays County Commissioner Will Conley, and Moderator: Mike Heiligstein
- **Austin**, April 2014, Congressman Roger Williams, US House Committee on Transportation, On US Congressional Infrastructure Developments
- **New Braunfels**, November 2014, Legislative Preview Panel with State Reps. Drew Darby, Donna Howard, Doug Miller, Eddie Rodriguez. Moderator, MPO Chairman Will Conley with Opening Remarks by US Congressman Joaquin Castro.